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Re: Implementation of the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)

Your October 12, 1999 letter to Mayor Mark Lewis requests a response to a prior request for response to the 1998-99 Grand Jury investigation of the MSCP Program.

The 1998-99 Grand Jury report included several recommendations with responses from various jurisdictions requested on specific recommendations. For El Cajon, they were identified as Recommendations "99-99" and "99-102".

Recommendation "99-99" requested El Cajon to fund the MSCP *if necessary* and then went on to say that funding is not expected at this time.

The city of El Cajon has very little habitat (138 acres) to be protected pursuant to the MSCP. As a result, if a property with habitat is proposed for development, the City would impose a mitigation requirement on the developer to include long-term maintenance of the habitat whether it's on-site or off-site.

If this recommendation is directed at funding a regional habitat acquisition, preservation and maintenance program, that decision would be subject to voter approval.

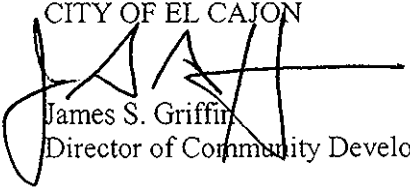
Recommendation "99-102" requested that all of the MSCP participating jurisdictions "identify an organization to determine an equitable means of funding the long-term management of MSCP lands".

As previously stated, the city of El Cajon has both very little habitat and very little undeveloped land. The City will participate in setting up such an organization if asked but the City believes it has too little space/influence to take a leadership role.

I apologize for any delay in responding to this request earlier but the first time I saw the Report and Recommendations was on October 14, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call me at (619) 441-1741.

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